

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 313
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A RESOLUTION relative to the transfer of certain social service programs to State Governments via the use of federal block grants.

WHEREAS, there continues to be much discussion within the halls and chambers of the United State Congress concerning various proposals to transfer administrative responsibility for many social service programs from the federal government to the respective State Governments via increased utilization of federal block grants; and

WHEREAS, the implications of the proposed transfers are significant and far-reaching and would dramatically impact the lives of many Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, it is important for this General Assembly to carefully examine the proposed transfers and to help ensure that the various agencies of state government are adequately prepared to address these monumental and historic policy shifts in a timely and effective manner; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution No. 301, adopted by the 1995 Session of the Ninety-Ninth General Assembly, created a Special Joint Committee to study these proposed transfers and to report findings and recommendations no later than February 1, 1996; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the scope and details of the proposed transfers remain unclear and largely unresolved, thereby rendering committee recommendations premature; and

WHEREAS, caution and prudence require that more time be extended to the Special Joint Committee to perform its important duties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the Special Joint Committee created by House Joint Resolution No. 301 is hereby continued beyond February 1, 1996, and is directed to report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the One-Hundredth General Assembly no later than February 1, 1997, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all Legislative Members of the Special Joint Committee shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations, provided such members continue to serve as members of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Senate is directed to deliver copies of this resolution to the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Services, the Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging, the Tennessee Association of Community Action Agencies, the Tennessee Head Start Association, and the Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies.